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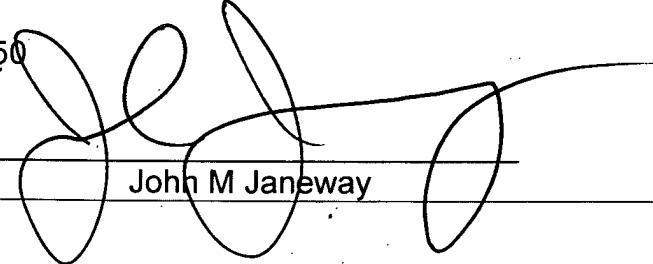
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**29 December 2009**

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

The applicants amend the claims and specification, and request reconsideration of the application.

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**Amendments to the Claim** begin on page 3.

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